

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
for City of Primera, Flood Protection Project
Primera, Cameron County, Texas
HMGP-DR-1791-TX Project #295

Interested persons are hereby notified that the City of Primera has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding under Section 404 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. HMGP provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures that reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

FEMA proposes to provide funding to the City of Primera to provide flood protection through construction of the Wilson Tract Diversion, which would redirect, realign, and extend the Wilson Tract Main, the Primera Lateral, and the Young Lateral to relieve a bottleneck on the North Main Drain which exists just east of Business 77. The proposed construction would be located near the Town of Combes and would consist of 1,300 linear ft of existing channel improvement from Rio Rancho Road to the corner of the Young Lateral; construction of 4,400 linear ft of new relief drainage channel from property adjacent to the Recreation Center on Hand Road to just east of US Highway 77; and construction of concrete box culverts at Rio Rancho Road, Hand Road, Business 77, US 77, and the UPRR.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environmental, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region6.shtm>, requested electronically from Dorothy Weir, FEMA Region 6 at Dorothy.weir@dhs.gov, or viewed at the following locations: Harlingen Public Library, located at 410 76 Drive, Harlingen, Texas and the City of Primera Offices, located at 22893 Stuart Place Road, Primera, Texas between October 16, 2011 and November 14, 2011 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Friday:

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date of October 16, 2011. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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